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MONTANA CLASS "AA" PLAYER OF THE YEAR  
WILL JOIN GRIZZLY BASKETBALL PROGRAM

MISSOULA--

Rob Hurley, the 1980 Class "AA" State Tournament MVP, has signed a national letter of intent to join the University of Montana basketball program, announced Grizzly coach Mike Montgomery.

A three-year prep starter, Hurley was named first team all-state, all-district, all-divisional and all-conference as a senior. He was an all-conference choice as a junior and sophomore and an all-state honorable mention pick.

The 6-4, 195-pounder is a three-sport star at Anaconda High School. Not only was he all-conference and all-state in basketball, but he was also an all-state football pick as a punter and defensive back, and all-conference at offensive end, defensive back and punter.

"One of our recruiting priorities was to find an outstanding shooter, and Rob Hurley is a fine shooter," Montgomery said. "He is a highly competitive athlete, and has very good basketball skills. He is a guy who could give us immediate help next year.

"Rob is potentially a quick forward, big guard type of player," Montgomery added. "We felt that Rob and Doug (Selvig, also recruited by UM) were by far the two best prospects in the state this year, and we expect them to continue on with the Grizzly basketball tradition."

Hurley averaged 27.3 points, 11.3 rebounds and 4 assists per game for Anaconda, which placed third in the state tournament. He shot 52 percent from the field and 76 percent from the free-throw line. In the state tournament he scored 98 points for a 24.5 average, and grabbed 49 rebounds (12.3 average).

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"The Grizzlies are the only team to play for in the Big Sky Conference," said Hurley in a recent telephone interview. "The thing about Grizzly basketball is that you get out of it what you put into it. I'm really looking forward to playing for the University of Montana."

Hurley is 17 years old. His parents are Bob and Dorothy Hurley of Anaconda. Hurley's high school coach was John Cheek.

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